



নমঃ ভগবতে নারায়ণ রাজরাজেশ্বরায়  
নমঃ ভগবতে শিব কাশীশ্বরায়

# চৌধুরী বাড়ি, আন্দুল CHOWDHURY BARI, ANDUL

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## Family Tree – A

**22. Mihir Chandra Datta Chowdhury** (Bhowanipur, Kolkata South)

**23. Kailash Chandra**

**23. Akshay Chandra**

**24. Umarani Bose**  
♥ Jatin Bose

♥ Sarat Kumari  
Chowdhurani (Bose)

(The family of Satyendra Nath Bose) [Literary companion of R.N. Tagore]

**24. Sarala Mitra**

**24. Rakhal Chandra**  
(Gagi)

**24. Bholanath**

**24. Pulin Bihari**

**24. Usha Ghosh**

**24. Ballu Bose**

**23. Charu Mitra**

**25. Kishan Chand**

**25. Shanta Dey**

**25. Neena Ghosh**

♥ Kobita Chowdhury (Bose)

♥ Kanti Ghosh

♥ Sachis Chandra Ghosh

**26. Kakuli Basu**

**26. Kausick (Raju)**

**26. Bornali Ghosh**

**27. Parna**

Santosh Prakash Ghosh (Madhupur, Jharkhand)

♥ Sovarani Ghosh (Mitra)

Swapna Bose (Ghosh)

Supti Bose (Ghosh)  
[Bhutan]

Sanjay Prakash Ghosh  
[Sanju]

→ **25. Diptikana Palit (Patna)**

→ **25. Sabita**

\*Pulin Bihari also had another son named Nimai Chowdhury who passed away at an young age.

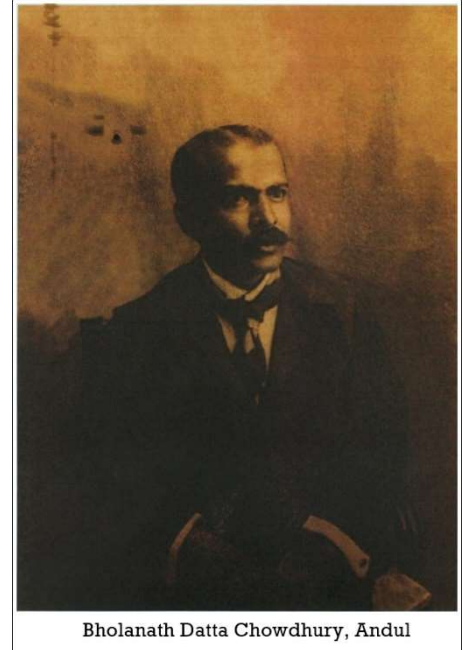
1. Mihir Chandra Datta Chowdhury, s/o Biswambar Datta Chowdhury ('Bishu khuro') (#21) who was 'Diwan' of the Mullick estate of Ramkrishnapur in Howrah city, lived in Bhowanipur of South Kolkata. He was by profession a legal practitioner. His maternal grandfather was the well-known Bhupendra Nath Bose.

Mihir Chandra Datta Chowdhury (#22) was the one of the successors of Kashiswar Datta Chowdhury (#18), the sixth son of zamindar Ramsharan Datta Chowdhury (#17).

2. Mihir Chandra's eldest son Kailash Chandra Dutta Chowdhury lived in North Kolkata.

After he died early, his wife and young children moved to Andul. Out of their three sons, Rakhal Chandra Datta Chowdhury and Bholanath Datta Chowdhury continued living in Andul, while their youngest son Pulin Behari Datta Chowdhury moved to Patna (in Bihar) for his job in the secretariat and after some years, around 1944 CE, he passed away there itself, leaving behind his children Kishan Chand Chowdhury, Shanta Dey (daughter), Neena Ghosh (daughter) and Nimai Chowdhury.

Kishan Chand was born as 'Kishan Datta Chowdhury', but during his initial years in Patna, when he was admitted to a local school, the 'Datta' from his surname was dropped and a middle name 'Chand' was added, at the time of registration.



Bholanath Datta Chowdhury, Andul

3. One of Kailash Chandra's daughter Usha Datta Chowdhury (#24) (who was also the sister of Rakhal Chandra, Bholanath & Pulin Behari) got married to Sachis Chandra Ghosh, an well-to-do Ghosh of Madhupur (in Jharkhand). In this context, Atul Krishna Chowdhury (#24) said to Usha's elder sister Sarala Mitra (#24) that, *"Nani, if you can arrange the marriage between Usha and that gentleman (Sachis Chandra Ghosh), then you will know that it is not only Usha's destiny but also the destiny of the Chowdhury clan."* The marriage happened between the duo.

Sarala Mitra (Dutta Chowdhury) was then studing in England. She was in a habbit of writing diary everyday. One day, late at night she was dreaming that at 14:30 hrs, she saw her father Kailash Chandra Dutta



Dr. Birendra Chaudhuri (Shibpur) & his wife

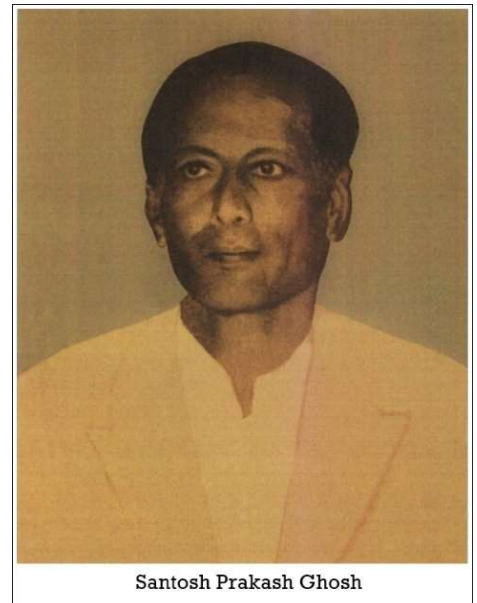


Sarala Mitra (Dutta Chowdhury)

Chowdhury on the mirror of her bedroom. She was shocked (in the dream) and asked, “Dad, are you here!” Her father replied back that, “Do not worry, I am going to Usha”. After this incident, Sarala’s younger brother, or Kailash Chandra’s one of the son Rakhal Chandra Dutta Chowdhury wrote a letter to her, informing that their father (Kailash Chandra) had passed away on that date and at 14:30 hrs. The date and time mentioned in the letter of Rakhal Chandra matched with the date and time of the Sarala’s dream, which she noted in her diary. After that

Usha Ghosh (Dutta Chowdhury) got pregnant and Santosh Prakash Ghosh was born. That is why, Kailash Chandra’s wife used to think that her grandson Santosh Prakash Ghosh to be the incarnation of her husband.

Since Usha Devi’s elder brothers Rakhal Chandra Datta Chowdhury had no children, Bholanath Datta Chowdhury had two daughters, and their nephew (ভাইপো) Kishand Chand & Nimai Chowdhury were under-age and were living in Patna then, so Rakhal Chandra & his brother Bholanath prepared a legal document in the form of a will, stating to transfer the legal ownership of their property of Andul to their nephew (ভাগ্নে) Santosh Prakash Ghosh (s/o Sachis Chandra). The will was supported and witnessed by



Santosh Prakash Ghosh

Dr. Birendra Nath Chaudhuri (#24) (Shibpur), Banbehari Datta Chowdhury (#25) (Andul), Diptikana Palit (Patna), Sabita Chowdhury, Jivan Krishna Das (family friend) and advocate Dvijendra Nath Bose (s/o Ballu Bose (#24)).

Rakhal Chandra Datta Chowdhury administered and executed family’s Durga puja from the year c.1928 to 1955 CE (approx. 28 years). Many others from the Chowdhury family in or around Andul and Kolkata were involved, their names can be found in the list of ‘sebais’ of the family’s debottur estate from the Land department of the Government of West Bengal.

Later he handed-over the authority to his nephew Santosh Prakash Ghosh. Because those from the Chowdhury family who were in Andul at that time, notably among them was Banbehari Datta Chowdhury, who was also a relative of Rakhal Chandra, was not financially sound enough to carry off with family's Durga puja alone. At that time Santosh Prakash used to work in an insurance company and was also a surveyor, hence his financial condition was better.

In 1956 CE Santosh Prakash Ghosh took over the executive charges of the Datta Chowdhury family's Durga puja. During the execution of Durga puja, he was much supported by his wife Sobharani Devi in puja activities, his nephew son-in-law (ভাগ্নে জামাই) Banbehari Datta Chowdhury (Andul), Dr. Birendra Nath Chaudhuri (Shibpur) & Prof. Bipin Krishna Ghosh (nephew of the Chowdhury family). They continued the Durga puja up to the year 1968, i.e., for a span of 13 years.



The residence of Chandi Charan Chowdhury, which is presently the 'New Andul H.C. School'.

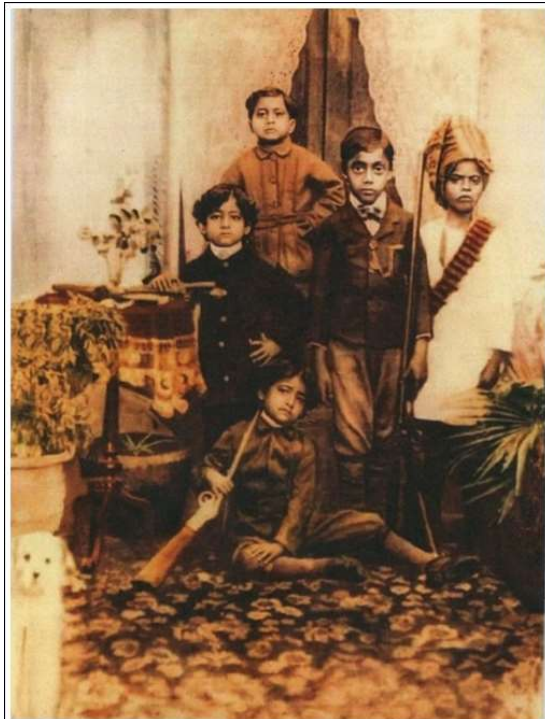
Shiddhish Chandra Chowdhury's younger son Prasanta Chowdhury (also the younger brother of Basanta Chowdhury [movie star]) used to attain the Durga puja of Andul in the day of 'Asthami'.

Basanta and Prasanta Chowdhury's grandfather's cousin brother Chandi Charan Datta Chowdhury (#24), at that time became a resident of Kolkata, due to which his palatial residence in Chowdhury para of Andul used to remain empty. So, he donated the property to a school, which is now the 'New Andul H.C. School', established in 1941 CE.

#### 4. The Ghosh family of Madhupur (Jharkhand) – The Ghoshes were actually of Konnagar (Hooghly)-origin. Probably they are an







Ghosh family, Madhupur

off-shoot of the well-known Ghosh family of Thanthania (Kolkata). From Konnagar the family moved somewhere in Kolkata and from Kolkata to Yangon (or Rangoon) city in Mynamar (Burma) for doing business. They became properous out of the job. After some years, they returned back to India in the Jharkhand state and build a palatial residence in Madhupur, a sub divisional town in the Deoghar district and settled there – ‘Madhupur Ghosh Bari’. Madhupur is considered as one of the best known place of ‘Hawa bodol’ for the people of West Bengal. The Ghosh residence in Madhupur was the

ancestral residence of Santosh Prakash Ghosh.

5. Kishan Chand Chowdhury (‘Saheb’) got a job in Eastern Bank under the recommendation of Santosh Prakash Ghosh and Makhan Lal Dutta Chowdhury (#25). Before Kishan Chand settled in Andul, he used to stay at his elder sister’s residence in Behala (Kolkata South). It was Santosh Prakash Ghosh who brought Kishan Chand in Andul for permanent settlement by advising him to take home loan from bank and for building a new residence.



From left - Kishan Chand Chowdhury, Satyabrata Datta Chaudhuri, Prova Singha, Jhumur Khairi & Kobita Chowdhury. A 1990 photo.

The residence was built just adjacent to the family’s thakur dalan. In the year 1962, Kishan Chand Chowdhury married Kobita Chowdhury [(Basu) – in-law of the Andul Raj]. Kobita Chowdhury observed Durga puja of the Datta Chowdhury family for 6 years and then finally in the year 1969 CE the responsibility of the Durga puja was handed over to their side by Santosh Prakash Ghosh under the suggestion of his nephew

son-in-law Banbehari Datta Chowdhury. Because even at that time the financial condition of Banbehehari's family did not improve significantly, so his elder son Satyabrata Datta Chaudhuri suggested to handover the responsibility and executive charges of Durga puja to Kishan Chand Chowdhury instead.



Durga puja of Dutta Chowdhury family  
Andul

From the year 1969 Kishan Chand and his family took the charge of family's Durga puja. During their time, after some years, they were supported by the presence of Atul Krishna Chowdhury (#24)'s daughter Alokha Chowdhury and his grandson Jayanta Chowdhury of 100, Acharya Prafulla Chandra Road, Kolkata – 700009. Jayanta Chowdhury invested a large sum of money in renovating the family's Durga Dalan in recent time. They formed a trustee board with the name 'শ্রীশ্রীকাশীশ্বর দেবোত্তরের এসেট পরিচালক সমিতি', but presently there is no existence of it. In this way, many Chowdhuries, who lived outside Andul, started to attend the Durga puja, notably one among them was Swadesh Dutta Chowdhury and his family from Barrackpore of North 24 Parganas district.



(from left) Jayanta Chowdhury, Dr. Pratip Chaudhuri & Dhruba Dutta Chaudhuri in family's thakurdalan in the year 2014.





Datta Chowdhury family's Durga dalan (renovated). A 2012 photo.

<b>Executive-In-Charge (EIC) of Datta Chowdhury family's Durga puja:</b>			
Sl. No.	Name	Time period	Years
a.	Rakhal Chandra Datta Chowdhury ('Gagi').	c.1928 – 1955	28
b.	Santosh Prakash Ghosh, Banbehari Datta Chowdhury, Dr. Birendra Nath Chaudhuri & Prof. Bipin Kumar Ghosh.	1956 – 1968	13
c.	Kishan Chand Chowdhury, Kobita Chowdhury & their family.	1969 – present	55

6. Santosh Prakash Ghosh had four elder sisters – Roma, Beena Pani, Meera & Bela.

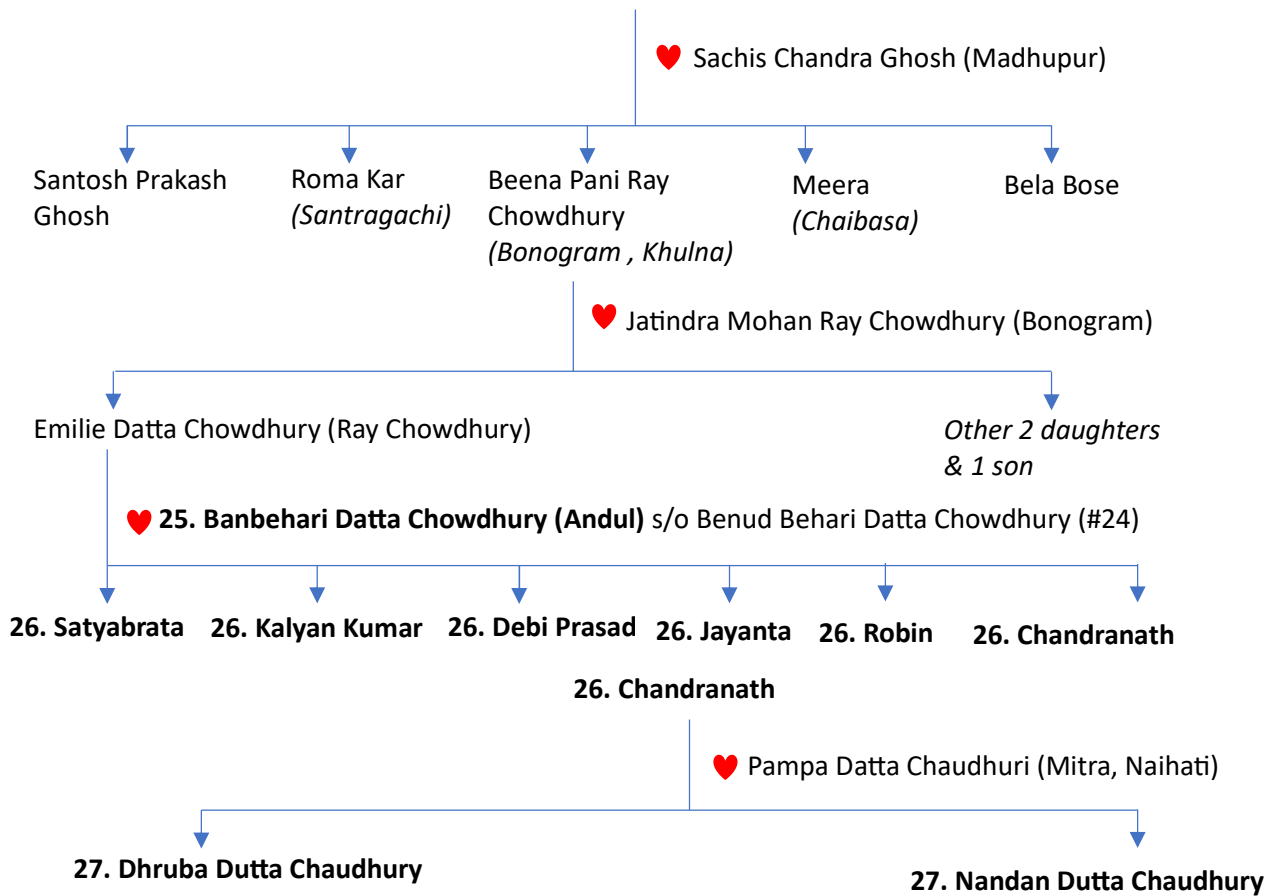
- a. Roma got married to the Kar family of Betore, near Santragachi (Howrah), in the residence of the well-known Dr. Radha Gobinda Kar (R. G. Kar) (1852–1918).
- b. Beena Pani got married to the zamindar Jatindra Mohan Ray Chowdhury of Bonogram village of Khulna district, East Bengal (now Bangladesh). These Chowdhuries were originally the 'Sen of Deganga' (North 24-Pargana, WB, India) and belongs to Kshatriya race of Vasuki gotra.

Jatindra Mohan Ray Chowdhury & Beena Pani Devi had three daughters and one son, one of the daughters among them was Emilie (c.1918 – 19.02.2013) who was married to Banbehari Datta Chowdhury (1908 – 14.10.1978) s/o Benud Behari Datta Chowdhury & Krishna Bhawani Devi of Andul.

- c. Meera got married to a family in Chaibasa of West Singhbhum district of Jharkhand state.

## Family Tree – B

### 24. Usha Ghosh (Datta Chowdhury) (Andul)



7. Banbehari Datta Chowdhury (#25) was born as 'Rajanikanta', later changed the name to 'Chandrakanta' and finally to 'Banbehari', to Benud Behari Datta Chowdhury (#24) and Krishna Bhawani Devi in the year of 1908 CE. Banbehari was the successor of Jagannath Datta Chowdhury (#18), the third son of zamindar Ramsharan Datta Chowdhury (#17).

8. As discussed in point no. 3 that since Rakhal Chandra Datta Chowdhury and his next brother Bholanath Datta Chowdhury transferred their property of Andul to their nephew Santosh Prakash Ghosh and the Ghosh's one of the sister



was Beena Pani Devi (Ray Chowdhury), the residence of Rakhal Chandra and



Bholanath in Andul is also the maternal residence of Emilie Datta Chowdhury (Ray Chowdhury).

9. Emilie after losing her father at a very early days of her life, she along with her brothers and sisters were shifted from their Bonogram residence to their maternal residence in Andul, i.e. in the house of Rakhal Chandra Datta Chowdhury, and they were brought up there itself.

Rakhal Chandra Datta Chowdhury was Emilie Datta Chowdhury (Ray Chowdhury)'s maternal grand-father (বড় দাদু) and Santosh Prakash Ghosh was Emilie Datta Chowdhury (Ray Chowdhury)'s own maternal uncle (মামা).

As, Emilie grew up in the residence of Rakhal Chandra Datta Chowdhury (her maternal house) so she got to see the Durga puja of the Datta Chowdhury family from a very young age. But in the year 1959 CE, after the death of her second son Kalyan Kumar Datta Chaudhuri, she restricted herself in attending the Durga puja.

10. Presently the members of the family ('Sebait') actively involved or are associated with/in the family's Durga puja in Andul are tabulated as below:

Sr. No.	Mr./Mrs./ Ms./Dr.	Name of the Members 'Sebait'	Father / Husband's Name
1.	Mrs.	Kobita Chowdhury	Kishan Chand Chowdhury
2.	Mrs.	Kakali Basu	Kishan Chand Chowdhury
3.	Mr.	Pulastya Basu	—
4.	Mr.	Kausick Chowdhury	Kishan Chand Chowdhury
5.	Mrs.	Bornali Ghosh	Kishan Chand Chowdhury
6.	Ms.	Tannistha Ghosh	—
7.	Mrs.	Arundhati Chowdhury	Kausick Chowdhury
8.	Mrs.	Pampa Datta Chaudhuri	Chandranath Datta Chaudhuri
9.	Mr.	Dhruba Dutta Chaudhuri	Chandranath Datta Chaudhuri
10.	Mr.	Nandan Dutta Chaudhuri	Chandranath Datta Chaudhuri
11.	Mr.	Shankar Lal Dutta Chowdhury	Bibhutibusan Dutta Chowdhury
12.	Mrs.	Mita Basu	Lalit Mohan Dutta Chowdhury
13.	Dr.	Pratip Chaudhuri	Birendra Nath Chaudhuri
14.	Mr.	Supriyo Chaudhuri	Pratip Chaudhuri
15.	Mrs.	Tania Dutta	Supriyo Chaudhuri

16.	Mrs.	Mitra Chaudhuri	Prasanta Chaudhuri
17.	Mr.	Pramit Chaudhuri	Prasanta Chaudhuri
18.	Mrs.	Amrita Pal Chaudhuri	Pramit Chaudhuri
19.	Mrs.	Anjana Dutta Chowdhury	Swadesh Dutta Chowdhury
20.	Mrs.	Baishali Sarkar	Swadesh Dutta Chowdhury
21.	Mr.	Chayan Dutta Chowdhury	—
22.	Mr.	Subhendu Dutta Chowdhury	—
23.	Mr.	Rana Dutta Chowdhury	—

[Note: The table is updated as on November 2023.]



*Dhruva Chaudhury*

DHRUBA DUTTA CHAUDHURY (#27)

Chaudhury para, Andul

Howrah – 711302